



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700
PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 1323

Yuichi INADA, *et al.*

Art Unit: 1791

Application No.: 10/516,994

Examiner: Jill Lynne Heitbrink

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 059559.00015

For: MOLD APPARATUS, MOLDED PRODUCT, METHOD OF MOLDING THE SAME, MOLDING MACHINE AND BUSH

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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December 31, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008, having been duly extended from November 7, 2008, until January 7, 2009, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 7.